

## The Christian Life

"At Evening Time it Shall be Light"

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There'll be light at eventime

So the promise reads—

Light at eventime,

Jesus knows our needs.

There'll be light at eventime,

Christian courage take

With thy hour of trial, comes

Peace for His dear sake.

Peace which passeth knowledge,

Hope, which brighter grows,

Faith in Him, the sinner's friend,

Love which from Him flows.

Flows on like a river,

Down the shores of every clime.

Fellow traveller—ne'er forget

There'll be light at eventime.

—New York Observer.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

"HOW WE SHOULD OBSERVE SUNDAY"

Lesson, Rom. 14:

*I Some things done on Sunday which are at least questionable.*

1 Lying abed so long in the morning that it is impossible to do all you want to do and yet get to church and Sunday-school, Psalms 122.

2 Doing the odd jobs for which time cannot be found in the week, Is. 56:2.

3 Staying home from God's house to get ready for company, Is. 58:13, 14

4 Staying away from church and Sunday-school to visit or to receive visitors, John 12:43.

5 Hunting, fishing, going swimming, riding bicycle, when by so doing church worship and the service of your fellowmen must be neglected, I Cor 10:31.

6 Studying the school lessons for the coming week

7 Neglecting God's service and worship to read the papers.

8 Going for Sunday mail.

9 Staying at home in order to miss a collection.

*II How shall we decide what to do on Sunday?*

1 What would Jesus have us do?

2 Let us use the Sabbath day as God wants us to do, (a) Rest. (b) Worship. (c) Service of our fellowmen.

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### A Test of Opportunity

The Watchman.

The opportunities of life are not to be measured simply by the facilities they offer for making money or attaining knowledge or reaching position. They are also to be estimated by the avenues they open for self-expression. Each of us has his own endowments, ideas, and personal force. We do not realize the best ideal of life unless there is opportunity for us to exert these powers and to create our impression upon the world thru them. We know a college professor who made a fortune in five years. He deliberately turned his back on his opportunity of adding largely to it, and gave up his business career to take a college position on a small salary. The reason was that he did not believe that his money-making faculty was his highest endowment. He felt that he had a capacity for investigation and for teaching that should have expression. Already his name is quoted as one of the principal authorities in his department. That is an extreme case, but it illustrates the

truth that the opportunity that gives you a chance for doing the particular work that you are best fitted to do, and to exert your personal force upon the world thru it, may be a choicer opening than one that seems to carry with it the prizes of money and position that men so greatly prize. A man is never happier or more useful than when he is fulfilling his distinctive mission thru the exercise of his distinctive powers.

### Concern for Souls

Mission Bulletin.

A deeper solicitude for the unsaved is the great need of every mission and every church. A solicitude that takes hold of the very fountains and foundations of our being and controls it. A divine passion for souls such as our Master had. Outbursts of feeling and expression are not essential signs of it. A movement of the whole life in this direction is the true indication. When a man is dreadfully in earnest he is generally calm. His feelings are too deep for fringes. They have become settled and fixed in a principle of action that holds the whole life in its steady grasp.

A life-saving crew does not waste its time in frantic cries and wringing of hands on the shore. The men set their teeth hard and go to work. They plunge into the boiling waters with their lifeboat, and work till they drop in rescuing the perishing.

The papers brought an account lately of a large vessel wrecked on the coast of Nova Scotia, but the name of the vessel could not be ascertained, and the fate of the crew and passengers was in suspense. A friend reading remarked, "O, the agony of suspense in many hearts as they read this news!" A concern like this should be in the hearts of Christians for their dying, unsaved fellowmen. It ought to be an agony before God like the agony of Gethsemane, and then out of such Gethsemane would grow a cross on which self is crucified and Christ thereafter would animate the body with his own life.

Why is it that God's people do not have such solicitude for the perishing? Is it because they do not believe that every soul which passes out of this life not having accepted Christ is lost? What a double condemnation, then, is at their door! Not believing God's word, and thru that lack of faith giving languid effort in place of the mightiest strain of which their natures are capable.

Let us not wildly beat the air, let us not pray loudly and tearfully in public while we are not doing much agonizing in secret before God; but let us rather try to get so near to Christ that we shall get his Spirit into our lives of sympathy and love and labor for the lost.

"To every man his work;" and in that, even if it is only running little errands for the skilled workman, we may excel to the edifying of the church.—*Havergal.*

## The Mission Field

From the National Capital

Since my last report I have received the following, viz: For Mission—Fannie Spiggle, Meadow Mills, Va., \$1.50; William P. Spiggle, Meadow Mills, Va., 50 cts; Bethany Congregation, Va., per T. L. Nininger, \$5.50. For church property—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lichty, Lanark, Ill., \$5; Daniel Hendricks, Maxville, O., \$1; Abram Inboddy, Webb Summit, O., \$1; Bettie Varner \$1, Martha Varner \$1, S. P. Fogle \$20, Mrs. S. P. Fogle \$5 50, Anne E. Armentrout \$5 50, all of New Market, Va.; Hugo Paul Wise \$5, B. E. Wise \$10, Middle Branch, O.; Isaac Leedy, wife and daughters, Delano, O., \$5.

Brother Parsons has promised to write some this week, but I feel that I must add a few words concerning the report above given. Brother Fogle sends \$20, while they are worshipping in a hall at his own home. That is magnanimous, indeed; praise God for such brethren; many would say, "Charity begins at home"; "Wait till we have our own church," etc. Sisters Fogle and Armentrout used "Brick Cards." Then Brother Isaac Leedy is rejoicing on account of the opportunity to help buy a church home here; says his heart was overwhelmed with sorrow when he got the word that we had missed "such a rare chance of stepping into our own church home;" so when he heard that the way was still open he "made haste and delayed not" to send his contribution.

Last, but not least, comes Hugo Paul Wise again. How I do wish our dear editor had space for his entire letter. And then he encloses his photo, too. I believe I will enclose his letter with this, and perhaps Brother Gnagey can find room for it some place. If some of us are not greatly mistaken Brother Paul will hold a position higher than the presidency by and by. And those who visit the First Brethren Church of the Capital City will be apt to see that photo of our dear little Paul in no unimportant place. How many others are there, girls as well as boys, who will follow Paul's example?

Another example worthy of imitation. A poor woman who works out by the week in this city, and who came from Germany a few years ago, had managed to lay aside \$30. She came to our missionary meeting on Tuesday night and turned over the entire amount into the church property fund. And she is not a member; says she wants to give \$20 more; she gets \$3 per week. She was not even asked to contribute.

Our people are delighted more and more with our church home, and every one is working with much enthusiasm, (of course I cannot say there are no exceptions) to prove to the general brotherhood by and by that they have done no small part.

In His name,

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